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May God Preserve the Crown of St. Stephen

U.S.A.-Vatican Betray Christian Hungary

Cardinal Mindszenty and Christian Relic Bartered to Achieve Soviet Co-Existence

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How the U.S.-Vatican axis, secretly and with Machiavellian skill, cunningly implemented and have almost completed a joint effort to appease Moscow for mutual profit, is a wonder to behold. The triumvir in charge of the Kremlin, like the global chess masters they really are, played the game just as brilliantly. We, the American people, along with the Roman Catholic laity and all Christendom, were expected to remain docile in our ignorance of what the U.S.-Vatican-Moscow game plan was all about. But, as all diplomatic secrets have an uncanny habit of seeping through curtains of official silence to become public knowledge, we now have a very good idea of what it will cost President Nixon and the Vatican to play the dangerous game of "Ostpolitik." The cost of admission includes the removal of Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty from sanctuary in the American embassy at Budapest, his exile into permanent silence, and the return to Hungary of the sacred crown of St. Stephen. As a quid pro quo, it is already quite evident that the Kremlin assured the Vatican of a broadening of the present detente between them and, to help appease possible opposition to this gambit in the U.S., offered to discuss the repayment of Soviet war debts. It follows that, this possibility, has already been headlined in our press, and commented upon over the radio and on TV.

This entire game plan was implemented in such a way as to make certain that the American people, the world's Roman Catholic laity, and all Christendom would find it extremely difficult to follow the pattern of deception. In fact, it is only by means of a diagnostic recapitulation of time-staggered events that any one can succeed in separating the wheat from the chaff in order to get at the truth.

Unraveling A Sinister Diplomatic Caper

Our recapitulation of time-staggered events leading up to the forced eviction of Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty from AMERICAN SOIL within Hungary and the present furor, particularly over the possible return of the sacred Crown of St. Stephen to Hungary, among American-Hungarians and millions of Hungarian expatriates around the world, must begin in July, 1971, during the "Budapest '71" exhibition in the Hungarian capital's Museum of Fine Arts. On this particular occasion, Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, accompanied by Assistant Postmasters General James R. Holland and William D. Dunlap, Jr., were present allegedly for the unveiling of an Apollo 15 stamp exhibit, featuring the "Decade in Space" first-day cover actually post-marked on the moon's surface. Immediately subsequent developments, however, stimulate the



JOSZEF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, Primate of all Hungary, victim and living martyr, veteran of 25 years of solitary confinement in prison, pawn in East-West game of Vatican intrigue.

suspicion that these three men, using the stamp exhibit as a cover, actually went to Budapest for more important reasons. For, immediately after the close of "Budapest '71", and on Aug. 3, 1971, Istvan Darvasi, vice-president of the Hungarian Peace Council, announced to 50 American professors, conveniently visiting Hungary at that particular time, that negotiations for the return to Hungary of the Holy Crown of St. Stephen, as well as the return of other Hungarian crown jewels in the custody of the U.S. since the end of World War II, had been resumed. Confident that these negotiations were being carried on in a spirit of cooperation on the part of the United States, he spoke with great assurance. That the 50 "professors" just happened to be present at the time, cannot be accepted as being purely coincidental.

During the week of Aug. 19, 1971, Hungary celebrated the millennium of the birth of its first Christian king, St. Stephen. Being the first Christian and Apostolic King of Hungary, at first it would appear strange, indeed, for an atheistic regime to permit such a celebration. However, what preceded the occasion brings the ploy into clearer focus. In order to commemorate the occasion, claimed the Hungarian Government, the U.S. was asked to return the sacred crown of the idol and hero of the Hungarian people. The time not being quite right for such a return, instead Washington promptly returned St. Stephen's mummified right fist and \$10-million in gold bullion seized during World War II and held in custody. Simultaneously, and as if on coordinated cue, Pope Paul VI saluted officially atheistic Hungary by telling 6.3-million Hungarian Roman Catholics that they were proof that faith survives social and political changes. Not many of Hungary's 6.3-mil-

lion Roman Catholics heard the pope's congratulations over the radio. Moreover, neither Washington nor the Vatican bothered to take cognizance of the ironical fact that, while the peal of church bells and the roar of military jets mingled in the air over Budapest in commemoration of Hungary's 1,000 years of Christianity, for the past 21 years Christian Hungary, as well as the Cardinal-Primate of Hungary, were prisoners of the officially atheistic, Hungarian Government. Even more ludicrous were these gestures of appeasement from the Vatican and the U.S., in light of the fact that the entire performance was a mockery of Christianity in the sense that the occasion of the millennium was used as an excuse by the present Hungarian regime to mark its accomplishments since 1949, rather than to rekindle remembrances of St. Stephen. To this, we can also add the observation, based upon impeccable sources of information, that, during the celebration, thousands upon thousands of Hungarian Roman Catholics were denied participation in the 9 A.M. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jozsef Ijjas, chairman of the Hungarian Episcopate, and ten other bishops in Budapest's historic Basilika, where the mummified right fist of St. Stephen, recently returned by the U.S., was shown to those who were fast enough to get into the Church before the doors were slammed shut.

With the close of the staged millennium festivities, and with the U.S. and the Vatican having signaled their goodwill and intent, the stage was set for the next phase in the joint U.S.-Vatican caper to appease Moscow.

Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty's Exodus

On Tuesday, September 28, 1971, the following communique was broadcast over the entire world's radio network: (Quote) — "Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty ended fifteen years of self-imposed exile in the American embassy at Budapest, Hungary, today and flew to the Vatican in Rome. The Communist State Radio in Budapest says that the Cardinal was allowed to fly to Rome as the result of an agreement between the Hungarian Government and the Vatican." (End of Quote). Thus, it happened that the fish bone stuck in the throat of the Kremlin was removed, the primary stumbling block to the Vatican's plan for rapprochement and detente with communism was shunted aside, and an embarrassing obstacle to building bridges of understanding and peaceful co-existence between Washington and Moscow was blasted out of the way. Above all, the free world's only living symbol of militant resistance to atheistic communism and the only man around whom a counter force could have rallied, if he could have been permitted to come to the

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